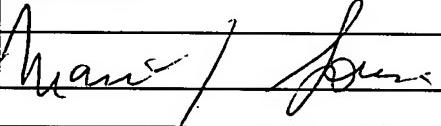


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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 4, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 5, 2007 (July 4, 2007 being a Federal Holiday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.